

CITY COUNCIL MEETS.

The Question of Settling the Sewer Case Comes Up.

THE COUNCIL DEFERS ITS ACTION.

The City's Finances—The Mayor Says Expenses Must Be Kept Within \$9,000 a Month—Other Matters.

There was a meeting of the city council last night. Councilmen Holman, Fellows and Fulton were absent.

City Clerk McFadden reported that he had not yet advertised for bids for the \$23,250 of sewer district No. 16 bonds, but that he had a buyer for the bonds at par with accrued interest. He was instructed by a unanimous vote to sell them without advertising. The buyer is the Central National bank of this city.

The committee on finance reported the tax levy for the ensuing year as follows: General revenue fund, 6 mills; water supply fund, 1 1/2 mills; library fund, 5 1/2 mills; judgment fund, 5 1/2 mills; city's proportion of paying funds, 8 1/2 mills; city's proportion of interest on paying bonds, 1 1/2 mills; paying Capitol square, 7 1/2 mills; interest on the same, 2 1/2 mills; principal and interest for paying all sewers at city buildings, parks and the postoffice building, 8 1/2 mills.

Councilman Ettlinger inquired if there was any change in the levy from that of last year and upon being told that the general improvement levy was raised from 5 to 6 mills, promptly moved to reduce it to 5 mills.

Councilman Bradford said: "The levy for the general improvement fund last year was 6 mills and as there is no levy for a sinking fund to pay the bonds amounting to over \$1,000 which fall due next year we will meet a deficit there unless some arrangement is made to refund the bonds. If we cut off that one mill it reduces the levy \$1,500 and while I do not want to see taxes made any higher and I feel that this is a bad time to increase the levy still we must face the fact that we will experience the hardest year in the history of Topeka. If we have a fund to drop back on 6 food the poor, if necessary, it will be a good thing. We are now \$25,000 or \$30,000 short and I do not think we should reduce the levy."

Councilman Stephenson—"I think that this is the time for retrenchment. If we are \$25,000 short now, how will we be in 1897? We will find ourselves worse off than ever. I do not think this is the right way to economize. We should reduce our expenses."

The Mayor—"We have not an actual deficit. The taxes were not paid."

Councilman Bradford—"We will have to meet that bond every year. The Mayor—"If we limit our expenses to \$9,000 a month we can get through with a 5-mill levy."

The mayor then presented a communication on the condition of the city finances.

The vote on placing the levy for the general improvement fund back to five mills was then taken and resulted in its adoption by the following vote: Ayes—Pattison, Stevens, Stephenson, Ettlinger, Nays—Bradford, Burgess, Griggs.

City Attorney Tillotson said that it had always been the custom for the city attorney to appear in court to defend the city when in his judgment it was best to do so. "I do not feel however," said he, "that in the Decker, Mullins & Berry sewer case I should use my own judgment alone when so much is at stake and I will wait for instruction from the council. If the judgment is affirmed by the supreme court it would cost the city \$10 a day interest instead of \$13. I have consulted Mr. Isenhardt about the cost of a case made and he says it will not cost more than \$500 to take the case to the supreme court."

"We have a good case for appeal and I am satisfied it will be reversed or the judgment reduced. In the first place there were no plans on the water contract for the sewer was let. Then the legislature has said that the city is not liable for anything beyond the contract price. The judge also admitted the conversation of councilmen all along the line and it is a serious question of law how far an agent can bind the principal. I feel that if the case is appealed we can get a reduction of from \$20,000 to \$70,000 in the judgment."

Councilman Stephenson thought that the material bills should be paid if it could be done without recognizing the rest of the judgment.

Councilman Bradford said that as all members of the council were not present the matter should be deferred and this was agreed to.

Ordinances.
Councilman Ettlinger introduced an ordinance to prevent the carrying of advertising banners on the streets. The rules were suspended and the ordinance was passed without opposition. This was to suppress the men who walk about the sidewalks boxed up in a gaily decorated advertisement for "fire sales," etc.

An ordinance making the tax levies as agreed upon by the council, was adopted. The ordinance to govern the use of bicycles in the city as outlined in the JOURNAL, was introduced by Councilman Stephens and referred to the committee on street and walks.

Other Matters.
An ordinance opening Garfield street, in North Topeka, was introduced by Councilman Pattison and passed under a suspension of the rules on the first reading.

The ordinance creating the Christ hospital sewer district was introduced and passed without opposition.

W. W. Smith petitioned the council to release lots 1263, 1270, 1272, 1274 and 1276 on Polk street from the requirement to build new sidewalks, and the request was granted.

Dr. Henry W. Koby asked for a street lamp at the corner of Kansas avenue and Twenty-second street, and the request was referred to the committee on lights.

Tim Donovan and nine others asked that a sidewalk be built on the east side of Madison street, between First and Second streets, and the request was granted.

John L. Guy presented a communication stating that Bennett's private sewer is still "in a state of unhealthy activity." A resolution ordering the street commissioner to abate the sewer as a nuisance, was adopted and the communication was referred to that official.

The city engineer presented a communication calling the attention of the

council to the Sixth street viaduct, and stated that the city railway company had ordered plank to repair the viaduct. The city engineer was instructed to look after the repairs on behalf of this city.

J. H. McAfee presented a communication stating that the city had already expended \$1,000 in prospecting for coal two miles west of the city, and asked that before any more money is expended for that purpose, the place be examined. The communication was referred to the ways and means committee.

S. C. Nichols presented a protest against the building of sidewalks on the east side of Chandler street, between Third and Fourth streets. The protest was placed on file, and no action will be taken on it as the street has been graded for the walk.

J. M. Bair and forty-seven others asked that a watering trough be placed at the corner of Tenth avenue and Buchanan street, and the request was granted.

A resolution was passed that no more sidewalks under the Ritchie contract be released.

John Lawless was given permission to run a street stand in North Topeka, at the Union Pacific park, for ninety days without a license.

A resolution ordering the street commissioner to repair the water main on Quincy street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, which feeds a watering trough, was referred to the committee on streets and walks.

A resolution instructing the street commissioner to rip up the mouth of the sewer emptying into the river just east of the Santa Fe shops, was referred to the committee on streets and walks.

John W. Day offered the council a deed for one acre of land on favorable terms immediately west of the city, between Tenth and Sixth avenues to be used in prospecting for coal.

A resolution instructing the city attorney to take such steps as are necessary to determine the width of First street east of Hancock street was adopted.

The council adjourned sine die.

FOR SELLING LIQUOR.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clements are again in the toils.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Wilkerson put a revolver in one pocket and a warrant in the other last night and Deputy Sheriff Dan Jones buckled on the breast-plate of enforcement of the liquor law and followed close behind. They went up Crane street to Boone's flats where Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clements have been retailing hard brands of liquor for some time.

Mrs. Clements is large and her husband is small. She did all the talking and said they didn't have any liquor on the premises except for their own use. She added she was getting tired of being arrested for selling liquor and also that the prosecution of her and her husband were outrageous.

The officers went through the house and found a barrel of beer and fifteen bottles besides. Mr. and Mrs. Clements were locked up in the county jail. The Clements people have been arrested repeatedly in the last eighteen months and they seem to be the most confirmed of Shawnee's offenders.

LOCAL MENTION.
A life-size portrait of General W. W. Guthrie, of Atchison, has been presented to the State Historical society.

The last number of the Kansas Newspaper World contains a sketch of Arthur Capper written by James L. King.

Sheriff Dave Burdick left yesterday for Colorado to take a brief vacation with his family. He expects to be back by the end of the week.

Eugene Shuman left Saturday for St. Louis. While there he will purchase a stock of goods, and will open a store in Perry, Ok., about September 1st.

John Banner of North Topeka was knocked down and run over by a team driven by a careless boy at the corner of Fifth and the avenue last evening. He is bruised, but not hurt much.

Engineer John Kelley of the Santa Fe made the quickest run that has been made for a long time between this point and Kansas City. The run was made in an hour and twelve minutes, with the special to the Merrells wreck.

A crowd of town boys lay down on the state house grass last night and went to sleep. Somebody sent for the patrol wagon and the boys were rudely awakened and taken to the station where they were recognized as all right and released.

Mrs. Dolph Thomas, of Potwin Place, started down town this morning with her gold watch stuck in her belt. Soon after she reached the avenue she missed her watch and does not know whether she lost it or it was stolen. The matter was reported to the police.

When a Vinewood train went onto the Ninth street viaduct coming in Sunday evening, the bridge was discovered to be on fire near the east end. The crew stopped and put the fire out. There was a very small blaze and it was discovered just in time. It is supposed the fire was set by a live coal from a previous train.

About two hundred of the Turners, with their families and a few of their friends, had a picnic Sunday in the vicinity of the sugar mill. They rode out on a special train of four coaches on the Rock Island. A special freight car was employed to convey the baggage. The picnic was a great success.

APPEAL TO BAPTISTS.
Mrs. Thorpe Calls Attention to a Worthy Cause of Suffrage.

To the Editor of the STATE JOURNAL:
SIR:—A lady who has been a member of Rev. J. B. Thomas' church for four years is being very low with consumption. Her husband has been out of work five months. They are reduced to the point of starvation. Some days in the past week they had no meal until 5 o'clock p. m., when neighbors relieved them. The suffering woman ought to have wheat bread and nourishing food.

I am confident if our Baptist friends once learn of this they will make them at least a "pound party" donation. The Christian Endeavorers alone could take charge of the case. I will give the name and number to a committee, or to any one wishing to help them, or if donations are sent to me, I will send them to the family at once.

And E. E. Turner,
510 Van Buren street.

Upholstering and Cabinetmaking.
Leave orders with Paul Furell, 113 1/2 East Fifth street, and have your furniture repaired. Cabinet work neatly done, and satisfaction guaranteed on all work.

Parties out driving tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, can be served with ice cream and cake at the new Christian church, 6-2 Topeka avenue. Good music free.

CALLED A TRAITOR.

Mrs. Laura M. Johns Must Be Deposed.

SAY THE EASTERN WOMEN MANAGERS

Of the Suffrage Campaign Because She is More of a Republican Than She is a Suffragist—Thirty Thousand Dollars Raised for the Campaign.

The officers of the Kansas Equal Suffrage association, who are conducting the suffrage campaign, are not working in harmony with the national suffrage leaders.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw, of the national association, has since her visit to Kansas at the time the various state conventions were held, announced both publicly and privately that she regards Laura M. Johns, president of the Kansas Equal Suffrage association, and also a leader of the Kansas Woman's Republican association, unfaithful to the cause of suffrage.

She accuses Mrs. Johns of betraying the Kansas suffragists into the hands of the Republican party, and says: "I have a trinity of traitors. They are Judas Iscariot, Benedict Arnold and Laura M. Johns."

The National Suffrage association has been taking a big interest in the Kansas suffrage campaign and the women of the east have promised to raise \$50,000 for the campaign. Of this amount, \$20,000 has already been raised. Rev. Anna Shaw herself gave \$1,000 in addition to her time, and furthermore she gives her collection taken at each Sunday night's service, no matter where she speaks, to the Kansas campaign fund.

Although \$20,000 of this money has been raised, but one small installment has been forwarded to the Kansas campaign committee and it is understood that there will be difficulty in placing the rest of the money at the disposal of the campaign committee unless the Kansas suffragists depose Mrs. Johns.

Mrs. Sarah A. Thurston is in charge of the campaign headquarters in this city but Rev. Anna Shaw objects to sending any more eastern money into the Kansas campaign while Mrs. Johns holds her present position.

The enemies of Mrs. Johns charge that she did not ask a Republican convention to adopt a suffrage plank in their platform, and say it was with difficulty that she was induced to read the petition for a suffrage plank which was placed in her hands.

While Mrs. Johns as a Republican suffragist is condemned as a traitor, Mrs. J. E. Foster of Topeka, is in Denver for a vacation of three weeks.

Miss Anna Hastings left today with her brother for Oklahoma City. She will be gone several months.

The Amateur music club will meet Wednesday, August 22, with Mrs. Frank Hubbell, 812 Madison street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller and son have gone on a ten days fishing trip, about twelve miles south of Topeka.

Mrs. M. J. Mercer has returned from a week's outing in the country.

Mr. J. E. Maxwell will go to Holton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gaw left today for Colorado.

Miss Mabel Caniff has returned to Lawrence after spending a few days with friends in the city.

Guy Hagar will accompany Misses Emma Hagar and Edith Ott to Manitou today.

Mr. Dr. Stormont has returned from Excelsior Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bird chaperoned a party of young people at Vinewood last evening. The party included about fifteen couples, most of whom were university students.

Mr. H. B. Kelly and daughter Emma were up from Lawrence yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Caldwell will return to New York Saturday.

Carl Klene of Valencia is visiting his brother in this city.

Mrs. Howard Barton of Rossville is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Bell.

Miss Anna Markley of Galesburg, Ill., is the guest of Miss Mills in Lowman Hill.

Some of the Imperial crowd will picnic Martini's hall tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Will Nicholson is visiting in Lawrence.

Mrs. Henry Nevill left today for Des Moines, Iowa.

Mabel and Merle King and Mabel Fouch have returned from a week's visit in Valencia.

Dr. Alexander has returned from Excelsior Springs and is quite ill.

John Waters expects to leave this week for Boston.

George Bailey has returned from a week's visit in Chicago.

Prostrated by Heat.
B. C. Hudson, a farm hand, was prostrated by the heat on the Kansas avenue bridge yesterday afternoon. Officer Hicks had the man removed to the city prison. Later he was transferred to the county hospital where he is under the care of Dr. McClintock.

Born.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hartley on the 12th, a daughter, at 304 Monroe street.

REDUCED RATES TO WASHINGTON.
Grand Encampment of the Knights of Pythias of the World.

The biennial encampment of the Supreme Lodge and grand encampment of the knights of Pythias of the world will be held at the National Capital August 27th to September 5th.

For this occasion the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. will sell round trip tickets from all points on its lines, August 22nd to 26th inclusive, valid for return trip until September 5th; a further extension of time to September 15th can be secured, provided the ticket is deposited with the joint agent at Washington, D. C., on or before September 6th.

The round trip rate from Chicago will be \$17.50, and correspondingly low rates from other points. Tickets will also be sold at all principal points throughout the west and north-west. No matter where you start from, ask for tickets via B. & O. For information in detail, Address L. S. Allen, Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agent, B. & O. R. R., Grand Central Passenger Depot, Chicago, Ills.

Topeka Drug Co. is ready for business.

D. Holmes, druggist, 731 Kansas ave.

A SHORT HAUL.

Mighty Little to Amuse Judge Eschminger in Court This Morning.

It didn't take very long to dispose of what police court business there was on hand this morning.

The case of Scott Bros., who have been arrested again charged with peddling ice cream without the proper permission from the city came up and was continued till Thursday morning. It will be remembered that this case is a new one the old one having been discharged last week on a technical error in the warrant. It is proposed to make this a test case of the new city license ordinance. J. H. Collier has the case for Scott Bros.

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Judge Eschminger then went up town.

MRS. OSBON HERE.
The Mother of the Holton Girl Visiting at the Jail.

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Mrs. Osbon arrived Sunday accompanied by her son Frank, 18 years old. The latter returned yesterday and Mrs. Osbon will probably go home tomorrow. She is a pleasant looking woman about 45 years of age, and her daughter resembles her strongly. To a JOURNAL reporter she said she came to Topeka merely on account of her daughter's health which is very delicate.

Her illness appears to be complete nervous exhaustion caused by her long confinement and the mental strain to which she has been subjected.

REINFORCING THE SHOPS.
The Santa Fe Shops Pay Roll Increased to Five Hundred Today.

One hundred and twenty-five more men were taken back to work in the Santa Fe shops this morning. They were distributed around to the various departments as equally as possible. The number now employed reaches a figure above five hundred. This is a little more than one-fourth the number the shops employ at a full force.

The shops now work six days a week instead of four and five as they did prior to the trouble. The hours per day remain at eight, the men commencing at 8 and working till 5.

Topeka Men Hurt.
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